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TAGS: PFOR, US, UN, SF, AG

SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS ON NAMIBIA FOR OAU MEMBERS

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1. CONSULTATIONS AMONG FRENCH AND CANADIAN AMBASSADORS AND GERMAN, BRITISH AND AMERICAN CHARGES PRODUCED CONSENSUS THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED BY CANADIAN, SHOULD PRESENT NAMIBIA BRIEFING. FRENCH AMBASSADOR COMMINES REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACTING SECGEN, AND WAS GIVEN JUNE 22 APPOINTMENT WITH HADJ AZZOUT, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION. FOLLOWING IS BASED ON HIS REPORT OF SESSION.

2. AFTER THANKING AMBASSADORS FOR BRIEFING, AZZOUT NOTED THAT THERE EXISTED SERIOUS CLEAVAGES IN WHAT HE CALLED "FIRST CONCENTRIC CIRCLE" (LIBERATION MOVEMENTS - SWAPO AND RHODESIAN PATRIOTIC FRONT), AS WELL AS IN "SECOND CIRCLE" (FRONT LINE COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN  
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AFRICA) AND IN "THIRD CIRCLE" (REST OF AFRICA) ON QUESTION OF WHETHER TO USE PEACEFUL MEANS, MILITARY MEANS, OR COMBINATION OF TWO.

3. AS FOR ALGERIA, AZZOUT SAID, IT WOULD NOT EXCLUDE USE OF FORCE IF SWAPO AND THE FRONT LINE COUNTRIES JUDGED IT USEFUL. AZZOUT STRESSED THAT IT WAS OUT OF QUESTION FOR ANY COUNTRY TO GIVE ORDERS

TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, WHO MUST REMAIN THEIR OWN MATTERS  
AND MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS.

4. ANOTHER PROBLEM, AZZOUT ADDED, WAS THAT SWAPO, ITSELF A DIVIDED ORGANIZATION, CONSIDERED ITSELF "WRONGLY OR RIGHTLY" AS THE ONLY POLITICAL GROUPING QUALIFIED TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA. ALGERIA WOULD NOT CONTEST THIS CLAIM, AZZOUT SAID BUT IT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE UP TO CIRCUMSTANCES, PERSONALITY OF NUJOMA, AND HIS FRIENDS OF THE "SECOND CIRCLE" TO SETTLE QUESTION.

5. AZZOUT ASKED WHAT DIFFICULTIES HAD COME UP IN CONTACT GROUP'S DISCUSSION WITH SOUTH AFRICANS. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT PROBLEM OF WALVIS BAY WAS FUNDAMENTAL. AS FOR CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY FORCES, AZZOUT SAID, HE THOUGHT THAT NUJOMA'S POSITION WAS FIRMLY NEGATIVE. HE HAD NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DURING THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE, NUJOMA HAD DISTRIBUTED HARD LINE TEXT IN ADVANCE BUT THAT HIS SPEECH WHEN DELIVERED WAS MUCH MORE FLEXIBLE.

6. COMMINES NOTED THAT AZZOUT'S REMARKS DID NOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE RESULTS OBTAINED BY THE CONTACT GROUP OF FIVE AND THAT AZZOUT EXPRESSED NO CRITICISMS OR RESERVES. COMMINES RECEIVED THE IMPRESSION THAT ALGERIA APPRECIATED THE DEMARCHE AND THAT ALGERIA WAS NOT OPPOSED TO THE ROLE OF THE CONTACT GROUP NOR OPENLY SCEPTICAL AS TO ITS RESULTS, BUT THAT THE ALGERIANS INTENDED TO LEAVE TO NUJOMA AND THE FRONT LINE COUNTRIES THE CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEIR REACTIONS AND THAT ALGERIAN VIEW WOULD BE BASED  
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ON THESE REACTIONS.

7. COMMENT: IN TWO PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH AMERICANS IN PAST YEAR BOUMEDIENE HAS DISMISSED NAMIBIA, AS WELL AS ZIMBABWE, AS "SOLVED", MEANING THAT RESULTS WERE FOREORDAINED AND THAT ONE SIMPLY HAD TO AWAIT INEVITABLE. IN THIS SPIRIT, ALGERIA AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, APPEARS TO HAVE GIVEN ITS PROXY TO THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED AND HAS NOT DEVELOPED SEPARATE POSITION. HAYNES

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